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	First Named Inventor	Sachin Ahuja	
	Art Unit	2621	
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)IN REGARDS TO SACHIN AHUJA

Sir:

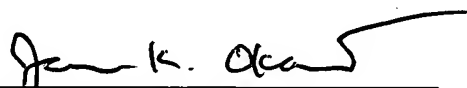
This is being filed in response to the Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a) mailed May 27, 2004 regarding non-signing inventor Sachin Ahuja for the above-referenced patent application. Enclosed is a copy of said Decision Refusing Status.

Per the Decision Refusing Status, further proof is required that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign so as to satisfy item (1) under 37 CFR 1.47(a). Accordingly, applicants hereby respectfully submit the attached Updated Statement of Pertinent Facts in Support of Filing on Behalf of Sachin Ahuja. The facts in the updated statement describes the exact facts which are relied on to establish that a diligent effort was made to locate Mr. Ahuja. The last known address of Mr. Ahuja appears from the majority of known facts to be 220 Jessie Ln #3, Mountain View, CA 94041.

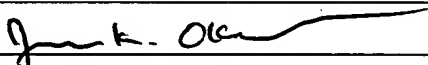
A decision granting the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or needs additional information, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (408) 436-2110.

Dated: July 26, 2004

Respectfully submitted,
Sachin Ahuja, et al.

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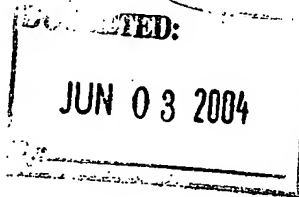
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In re Application of :
Sachin Ahuja, Gavin B. Horn, :
Michael Fleisher, John S. Chen, : **DECISION REFUSING STATUS**
Adityo Prakash and Edward R. Ratner: **UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)**
Application No. 10/692,466 :
Filed: October 23, 2003
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
MERGING RELATED IMAGE SEGMENTS

This is in response to the "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," filed March 22, 2004, regarding non-signing inventor **Sachin Ahuja**.

The petition is dismissed.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. **FAILURE TO RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION.** Any extensions of time will be governed by 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The above-identified application was filed on October 23, 2003 without an executed oath or declaration and naming **Sachin Ahuja, Gavin B. Horn, Michael Fleisher, John S. Chen, Adityo Prakash and Edward R. Ratner** as joint inventors.

Accordingly, on January 23, 2004, a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application" was mailed, requiring an executed oath or declaration and a filing fee, and a surcharge for their late filing.

In response, on March 22, 2004, the instant petition was filed.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires:

(1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings);

(2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116;

(3) the petition fee; and

(4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

Applicant lacks items (1), as set forth above.

As to item (1), Rule 47 applicant has failed to show that non-signing inventor **Sachin Ahuja** cannot be reached. Applicant has stated that the mailing of January 19, 2004 was returned and noted, "moved left no address," and tried to call non-signing inventor **Sachin Ahuja's** phone number and found it to be disconnected. Petitioner must make "a diligent effort" to locate the non-signing inventor. A statement of facts should be submitted that fully describes the exact facts which are relied on to establish that a diligent effort was made. The statement of facts must be signed, where at all possible, by a person having firsthand knowledge of the facts recited therein. Statements based on hearsay will not normally be accepted. Copies of documentary evidence such as internet searches, certified mail return receipts, cover letters of instructions, telegrams, that support a finding that the non-signing inventor could not be found or reached should be made part of the statement. The steps taken to locate the whereabouts of the non-signing inventor should be included statement of facts. It is important that the statement contain facts as opposed to conclusions. If these attempts to locate the non-signing inventor fail, then applicant will have established that the inventor cannot be reached. See MPEP 409.03(d).

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed T', followed by a long horizontal line.

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Petitions Attorney
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IN THE

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APPLICANTS: Sachin Ahuja et al.
APPLICATION NO.: 10/692,466
TITLE: Method and Apparatus for Merging Related Image
Segments
GROUP ART UNIT: Not yet known
ATTY. DKT. NO.: 10006.001510

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**UPDATED STATEMENT OF PERTINENT FACTS
IN SUPPORT OF FILING ON BEHALF OF SACHIN AHUJA**

Dear Sir or Madam:

I, James K. Okamoto, hereby state the following:

- a) On January 19 2004, I sent the application papers for the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application, including a copy of the application, along with a declaration to be signed and other documents) via first class mail to Sachin Ahuja at his previous address of 220 Jessie Ln #3, Mountain View, CA 94041. Included was a cover letter requesting Mr. Ahuja sign the declaration as a joint inventor of the above-referenced application. The postal office returned the envelope of papers sent to Mr. Ahuja with 1) an indication that the addressee had moved from the Jessie Ln address to 650 Castro St, Suite 120, Mountain View, CA 94041 and 2) an indication that the addressee had moved from the Castro St address and "left no address". Attached is a copy of the cover letter sent to Mr. Ahuja marked as Exhibit A and a copy of the returned envelope marked as Exhibit B.
- b) On March 8, 2004, I called Sachin Ahuja's last known phone number at 650-625-0785. A message from the phone company stated that this number is disconnected or no longer in service.
- c) On June 4, 2004, I performed an online search for Sachin Ahuja via Yahoo People Search. The Yahoo People Search returned the same Jessie Ln address for Sachin Ahuja. A phone number of (650) 625-0785 was also returned. Attached is a copy of the Yahoo People Search results marked as Exhibit C.
- d) On June 4, 2004, after the Yahoo People Search, I sent the application papers for the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application, including a copy of the application, along

Updated Statement of Pertinent Facts (Ahuja)

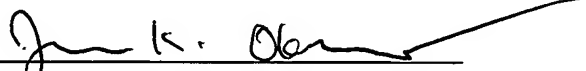
with a declaration to be signed and other documents) via certified mail with return receipt to Sachin Ahuja at the Jessie Ln address, which was the address indicated from the Yahoo People Search. The shipment details indicate that notice was left but addressee unknown, so the envelope was returned by the postal service to our office on June 14, 2004. In addition, I made a phone call to (650) 625-0785, which was the number indicated from the Yahoo People Search. An answering machine picked up the phone, and I left a message asking for Sachin Ahuja to call back my office in relation to patent applications. No return call was received in relation to this phone message. Attached is a copy of the cover letter sent marked as Exhibit D, a copy of the certified mail receipt marked as Exhibit E, and a copy of shipment details from the US Postal Service marked as Exhibit F.

e) Further on June 4, 2004, I performed a second online search via PeopleData in a diligent attempt to locate Sachin Ahuja. Five possible addresses for Sachin Ahuja were returned, including the same Jessie Ln address and four other potential addresses. Three of those potential addresses had phone numbers with a 315 area code. Attached is a copy of the PeopleData results marked as Exhibit G.

f) On June 23, 2004, I called each of the above-mentioned three phone numbers with the 315 area code. For the first number, (315) 638-3948, I received a message from the phone company that the number was not in service and that no further information was available. For the second number (315) 446-4870 and the third number (315) 422-8189, answering machines picked up the phone, so I left messages asking for Sachin Ahuja to call back my office in relation to patent applications. No return call was received in relation to any of these phone messages.

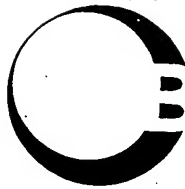
g) Further on June 4, 2004, I ordered a third online search via eFindOutTheTruth.com. This was a social security trace based on Sachin Ahuja's social security number. The results were returned on June 6, 2004 and indicated the same Jessie Ln address mentioned above. A copy of the social security trace results is attached hereto as Exhibit H.

h) To date, I have not received any return correspondence, return phone call, or other communication from Sachin Ahuja regarding the above.


James K. Okamoto

July 26, 2004
Date

Attachments (Exhibits A through H)



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Exhibit A

January 19, 2004

CONFIDENTIAL

Sachin Ahuja
220 Jessie Lane, #3
Mountain View, CA 94041

RE: U.S. Patent Application

Title: Method and Apparatus for Merging Related Image Segments
Serial No.: 10/692,466
Filing Date: October 23, 2003
Inventor(s): Sachin Ahuja, et al.
Our Ref: 10006.001510

Dear Sachin:

The above-referenced nonprovisional application was filed on October 23, 2003, on behalf of PTS Corporation, now the owner of all rights to this patent application. Please find enclosed a "Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application", an "Assignment", a "Power of Attorney" and an "Oath & Assignment" for the application attached to a copy of the application.

As a co-inventor, please sign and date the above-mentioned three forms where indicated by the flags. By signing these forms, you are basically reconfirming that you are the joint inventor of the subject matter sought to be patented.

When the forms have been executed, please return all pages of these documents and the copy of the application to us as soon as possible. A first class pre-stamped return envelope is included for your convenience.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. Please contact me at (408) 436-2111 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
OKAMOTO & BENEDICTO LLP

James K. Okamoto

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Sachin Ahuja	220 Jessie Ln Mountain View, CA Add to Address Book , Map	(650) 625-0785

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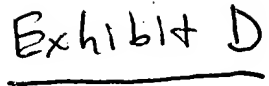
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4. SACHIN AHUJA	3 JAMAR DR FAYETTEVILLE NY 13066	(315) 446-4870	Available	Available	
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In Re Application of:

Sachin Ahuja, et al.

Serial No.: 10/692,466

Filed: October 23, 2003

Title: Method and Apparatus for
Merging Related Image Segments

Examiner: not yet known

Art Unit: not yet known

Atty. Docket No.: 10006.001510

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)IN REGARDS TO ADITYO PRAKASH

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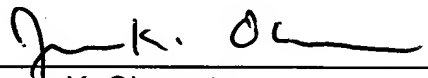
This is being filed in response to the Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a) mailed May 28, 2004 regarding non-signing inventor Adityo Prakash for the above-referenced patent application. Enclosed is a copy of said Decision Refusing Status.

Per the Decision Refusing Status, further proof is required that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign so as to satisfy item (1) under 37 CFR 1.47(a). Accordingly, applicants hereby respectfully submit the attached Updated Statement of Pertinent Facts in Support of Filing on Behalf of Adityo Prakash. The facts in the updated statement describes the exact facts which are relied on to establish that a diligent effort was made to locate Mr. Prakash. The last known address for Mr. Prakash appears from known facts to be 3320 Clearview Terrace, Fremont, CA 94539.

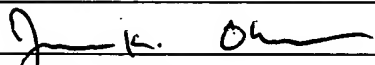
A decision granting the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or needs additional information, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (408) 436-2110.

Dated: July 26, 2004

Respectfully submitted,
Sachin Ahuja, et al.

By: 
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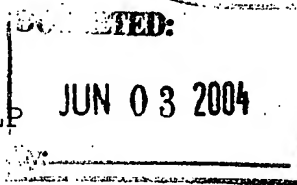
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In re Application of :
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Michael Fleisher, John S. Chen, : **DECISION REFUSING STATUS**
Adityo Prakash and Edward R. Ratner: **UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)**
Application No. 10/692,466 :
Filed: October 23, 2003 :
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
MERGING RELATED IMAGE SEGMENTS

This is in response to the "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," filed March 22, 2004, regarding non-signing inventor **Adityo Prakash**.

The petition is dismissed.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. **FAILURE TO RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION.** Any extensions of time will be governed by 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The above-identified application was filed on October 23, 2003 without an executed oath or declaration and naming Sachin Ahuja, Gavin B. Horn, Michael Fleisher, John S. Chen, **Adityo Prakash** and Edward R. Ratner as joint inventors.

Accordingly, on January 23, 2004, a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application" was mailed, requiring an executed oath or declaration and a filing fee, and a surcharge for their late filing.

In response, on March 22, 2004, the instant petition was filed.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires:

- (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings);
- (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116;
- (3) the petition fee; and
- (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

Applicant lacks items (1), as set forth above.

As to item (1), Rule 47 applicant has failed to show that non-signing inventor **Adityo Prakash** cannot be reached. Applicant has stated that the mailing of January 19, 2004 was returned and noted, "moved," and "not deliverable as addressed - unable to forward." Petitioner must make "a diligent effort" to locate the non-signing inventor. A statement of facts should be submitted that fully describes the exact facts which are relied on to establish that a diligent effort was made. The statement of facts must be signed, where at all possible, by a person having firsthand knowledge of the facts recited therein. Statements based on hearsay will not normally be accepted. Copies of documentary evidence such as internet searches, certified mail return receipts, cover letters of instructions, telegrams, that support a finding that the non-signing inventor could not be found or reached should be made part of the statement. The steps taken to locate the whereabouts of the non-signing inventor should be included statement of facts. It is important that the statement contain facts as opposed to conclusions. If these attempts to locate the non-signing inventor fail, then applicant will have established that the inventor cannot be reached. See MPEP 409.03(d).

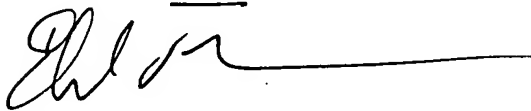
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Edward J. Tannouse
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APPLICANTS: Sachin Ahuja et al.
APPLICATION NO.: 10/692,466
TITLE: Method and Apparatus for Merging Related Image
Segments
GROUP ART UNIT: Not yet known
ATTY. DKT. NO.: 10006.001510

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**UPDATED STATEMENT OF PERTINENT FACTS
IN SUPPORT OF FILING ON BEHALF OF ADITYO PRAKASH**


Dear Sir or Madam:

I, James K. Okamoto, hereby state the following:

- a) On January 19 2004, I sent the application papers for the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application, including a copy of the application, along with a declaration to be signed and other documents) via first class mail to Mr. Adityo Prakash at his previous address of 600 Marlin Court, Redwood Shores, CA 94065. Included was a cover letter requesting Mr. Prakash sign the declaration as a joint inventor of the above-referenced application. The postal office returned the envelope of papers sent to Mr. Prakash with a note that the Mr. Prakash has "moved" and that the envelope was "not deliverable as addressed--unable to forward". Attached is a copy of the cover letter sent to Mr. Prakash marked as Exhibit A and the envelope returned by the postal office marked as Exhibit B.
- b) On March 8, 2004, I sent another copy of the application papers with a cover letter to Mr. Sanford Kingsley, an attorney who has represented Mr. Prakash in the past. The postal office returned the envelope of papers sent to Mr. Kingsley with a note that the Mr. Sanford Kingsley "no longer at this address". Attached is a copy of the cover letter sent to Mr. Kingsley marked as Exhibit C and the envelope returned by the postal office marked as Exhibit D.
- c) On June 4, 2004, I performed an online search for Adityo Prakash via Yahoo People Search. The Yahoo People Search did not find any people matching Adityo Prakash. Attached is a copy of the Yahoo People Search results marked as Exhibit E.

Updated Statement of Pertinent Facts (Prakash)

- d) Further on June 4, 2004, I performed a second online search via PeopleData in a diligent attempt to locate Adityo Prakash. Two possible addresses for Adityo Prakash were returned, including the Marlin Court address and another address at 3320 Clearview Terrace, Fremont, CA 94539. There was a phone number indicated for the Marlin Court address but no phone number indicated for the Clearview Terrace address. Attached is a copy of the PeopleData results marked as Exhibit F.
- e) On June 4, 2004, after the Yahoo People Search, I sent the application papers for the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application, including a copy of the application, along with a declaration to be signed and other documents) via certified mail with return receipt to Adityo Prakash at the Clearview Terrace address, which was the address indicated from the PeopleData search. The shipment details indicate that notices were twice left, but the envelope was unclaimed. In addition, I made a phone call to (650) 637-9970, which was the number indicated from the PeopleData search. A phone company message indicated that the number was disconnected or no longer in service. Attached is a copy of the cover letter sent marked as Exhibit G, a copy of the certified mail receipt marked as Exhibit H, and a copy of shipment details from the US Postal Service marked as Exhibit I.
- f) To date, I have not received any return correspondence, return phone call, or other communication from Adityo Prakash regarding the above.


James K. Okamoto

July 26, 2004
Date

Attachments (Exhibits A through I)

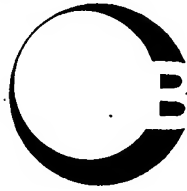


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January 19, 2004

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Adityo Prakash
600 Marlin Court
Redwood Shores, CA 94065

RE: U.S. Patent Application

Title: Method and Apparatus for Merging Related Image Segments
Serial No.: 10/692,466
Filing Date: October 23, 2003
Inventor(s): Sachin Ahuja, et al.
Our Ref: 10006.001510

Dear Adityo:

The above-referenced nonprovisional application was filed on October 23, 2003, on behalf of PTS Corporation, now the owner of all rights to this patent application. Please find enclosed a "Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application", an "Assignment", a "Power of Attorney" and an "Oath & Assignment" for the application attached to a copy of the application.

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When the forms have been executed, please return all pages of these documents and the copy of the application to us as soon as possible. A first class pre-stamped return envelope is included for your convenience.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. Please contact me at (408) 436-2111 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
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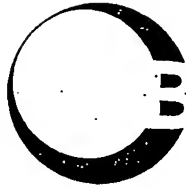


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March 8, 2004

Mr. Sanford Kingsley, Esq.
Leboeuf, Lamb, Greene & McRae LLP
One Embarcadero Center, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94111

For: Mr. Adityo Prakash
600 Marlin Court
Redwood Shores, CA 94065

Re: U.S. Patent Application

Title: Method and Apparatus for Merging Related Image

**Inventors: Sachin Ahuja, Gavin Horn, Michael Fleisher, John
Chen, Adityo Prakash, and Edward Ratner**

Filing Date: October 23, 2003

Serial No.: 10/692,466

Our Ref.: 10006.001510

Dear Mr. Kingsley:

Please find attached a set of "Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application," "Power of Attorney or Authorization of Agent," and "Assignment" forms for Mr. Prakash's execution.

As a co-inventor in the above-referenced patent application, Mr. Prakash is obligated to sign these documents based on his Signagenics Laboratories, Inc. (aka Pulsent Corporation) Employee Propriety Information and Inventions Agreement that he signed on January 2, 1998. My client PTS Corporation bought rights to this patent application out of Pulsent's bankruptcy.

When the above three forms have been executed, please return all pages of these documents to us as soon as possible or by March 17, 2004. A first-class pre-stamped return envelope is included for your convenience.

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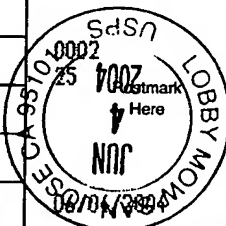
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